

Kindergarten Orientation

March 24, 2026

- Kindergarten Readiness
- Daily Schedule
- Curriculum
- Mandarin DLI Program
- Answers to Common Parent Questions
- Question and Answer Session

Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten

- Encourage independence (opening lunch/snack items, toileting, zipping/unzipping backpacks and jackets, tying shoes, etc.)
- Build alphabet interest and knowledge of letter names and sounds
- Colors and Shapes
- Number recognition
- Counting
- Pencil grip (tripod grasp with proper pressure)
- Using scissors properly
- Listening with focused attention/attending to tasks
- Following 2-3 step directions at home
- Communicating needs and feelings
- Social and Emotional Readiness (separating from parent, accepting correction, cooperating with peers and adults)
- Oral language skills

Daily Schedule

7:30 Calendar Math / Habit Time

7:45 Literacy Block (Shared Reading, Reading, Word Study/Phonics, Literacy Centers, Writing)

10:15 Snack/ Recess

11:00 Math

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Science or SS

1:00 Specials (PE, Art, Music, Media Center, STEM)

1:55 Dismissal

Curriculum Highlights - Literacy/Traditional K

Reading: Science of Reading materials/ CKLA

- Comprehension of fiction and nonfiction texts
- Vocabulary Development
- Fluency in reading decodable books

Word Study/Writing

- Correct letter formation
- Phonological awareness- rhyme, clapping syllables
- Phonics
- Decoding skills, especially CVC words
- Reading and spelling tricky words, common sight words, CVC words
- With teacher support- planning and writing sentences/stories with correct conventions (capitalization/punctuation, spacing)

Curriculum Highlights- Math

Math is very hands on moving from concrete to pictorial to abstract. We use a lot of manipulatives and games.

- Rote counting within 100, counting on from any number
- Careful counting of objects
- Sorting in different ways
- Identifying and describing attributes 2D/3D shapes
- Understanding and solving story problems
- Recognizing/representing/comparing numbers within 20
- Decomposing numbers within 10 in different ways
- Addition and subtraction using manipulatives
- Describe and compare measurable attributes (length, height, weight, width, capacity)

Curriculum Highlights- Science/SS Units of Study

Science

- Weather
- Positions and Motion
- Living Things
- Properties

Social Studies

- We Are All Citizens
- What's in the World Around Me
- Cultures Around Us
- Our Needs and Wants Change Over Time

Dual Language Immersion

Kindergarten Open House
2024-2025 School Year



What is Dual Language Immersion?

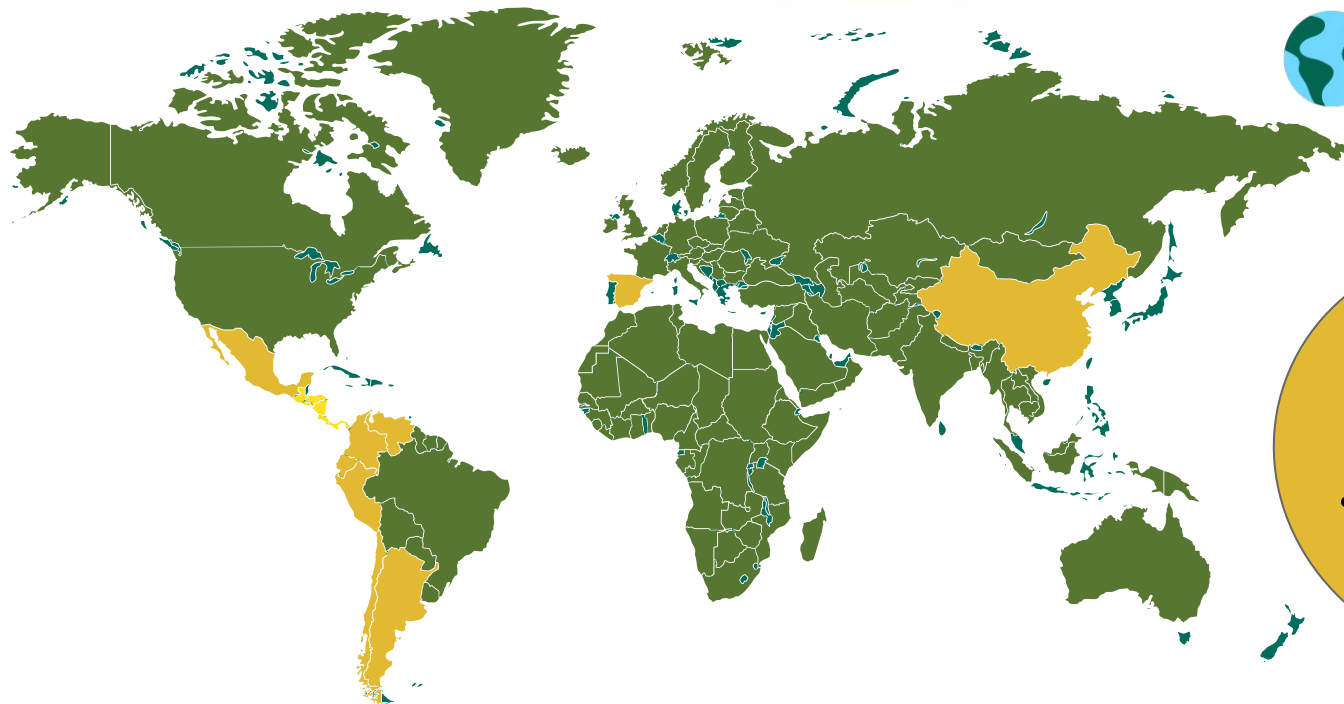
**Typical
Kindergarten
Curriculum**

Language Arts
Math
Science
Social Studies

**All taught in
Mandarin
Chinese or
Spanish!**

Teachers use the same content standards as English-only classes.

Who teaches the children?



**Participate
Learning™**

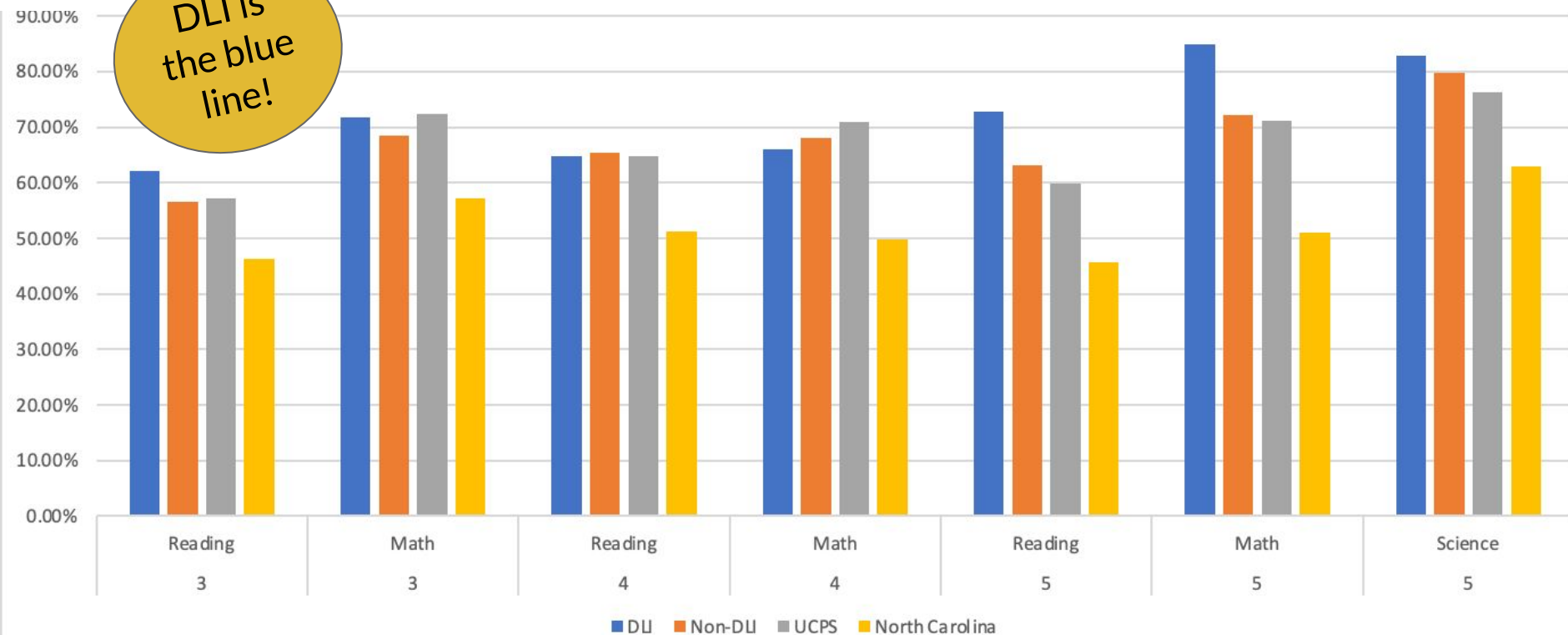
Uniting Our World

UCPS provides
a LOT of
training for all
DLI teachers,
all 5 years they
are here.

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Will my child fall behind their peers in English only classes?

DLI is the blue line!



Common Parent Questions

- **Arrival/ Departure** - Kindergarten students will be greeted in the carpool line or once they arrive from the bus. Staff members are positioned along the hallways that lead to the kindergarten classrooms to help the new students find their way. At the end of our school day, students are escorted to their dismissal location by their teacher and/or teacher assistant. Name tags with both student and teacher names will be used.
- **Lunch**- Students can buy or bring a healthy lunch each day. All students will have a lunch account with an assigned lunch number. Buyers can send money to the cafeteria labeled with their name and lunch number as needed or parents can add funds online. You will be able to restrict/limit EXTRA purchases through lunch account as well.
- **Student Supplies** - Information about ordering school supplies will be forthcoming. If you are interested in ordering a box of supplies through the school, please check the Marvin website.
- **Staggered Start** - Your student will be assigned only one day to attend school during our first week. Please make arrangements for your child as he/she will only attend one day of school the first week of school.

Contact Information

[Marvin Elementary School Website](#)

[Marvin Elementary School PTO](#)

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Thank you for coming!

